.ussian State Committee for Higher ducation providing for placement of ıdian students in recognised institutions f higher education in Russia, as well as aranteed terms and conditions for the ıtire duration of their study, against ayment in hard currency.

When approached by students who face roblems as a result of enhancement of es, the Embassy, after examining the cts, intervenes as necessary to ensure uitable treatment for Indian students.

Whenever specific difficulties are ought to the notice of our Embassy, forts are made to resolve them in cordance with the rules and gulations.

उत्तर प्रदेश में विधान सभा चुनाव

1656. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह:**
श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 2 जुलाई, 1996 के वभारत टाइम्स'' से ''संयुक्त मोर्चे की सरकार उत्तर श विधान सभा चुनावों से पहले अयोध्या मसले को झाना चाहती है'' शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की (दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या अयोध्या मसले को हल ने के लिए सरकार ने कोई विशेष फार्मूला तैयार किया

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार अयोध्या मसले की दलील देकर (प्रदेश के विधान सभा चुनावों को स्थगित करने का ार रखती है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद ल्लाह खान): (क) से (ग) जी हां, श्रीमान्। कार ने 2 जुलाई, 1996 को नवभारत टाइम्स में ाशित खबर को देखा है। प्रेस की यह खबर कि यह ाद उत्तर प्रदेश विधान सभा के चुनावों से पहले झा लिया जाएगा, बिल्कुल गलत है।

(घ) उत्तर प्रदेश विधान सभा के चुनाव वाना/स्थगित करना, अयोध्या मुद्दे से जुड़ा हुआ है।

Modernisation of Textile Mills in Madhya Pradesh with Foreign Assistance

1657. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some textile mills in Madhya Pradesh are being modernised with foreign assistance;

(b) if so, the names of such textile mills;

(c) the countries and the financial institutions which have provided funds for the modernisation; and

(d) the details of the funds provided by them during the last three years; yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No, Sir, No such report is available with the Government.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Replenishing the ageing armoury of the Indian Armed Forces

1658. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken by Government to replace and replenish the ageing armoury of the Indian Armed Forces and to acquire or produce the latest gadgetry for them to keep abreast of the fast developments taking place in the world in general and in our neighbouring countries in particular; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) Government are conscious of the need to modernise, update and upgrade the equipment and weapon systems of the Armed Forces. Consequently, a high priority is attached to the programme of modernisation of the equipment and weaponry of the Services. The programmes of modernisation and upgradation are